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CLEARING AWAY PROVINCIALISM.

While the main discussion at the Fifth Civic Convention just ended turned on the question of issuing bonds for public improvements—as against other financing methods—the real significance of the convention is much broader. It includes this bond question and a dozen others.

It is recognition of the fact that civic improvement and tourist promotion in Hawaii must be gained by the coordination of many lines of action, many public officials, many organizations, many citizens.

No sooner did the subject of tourist promotion come up, than up bobbed the subject of good roads, the subject of cleanly ports, the subject of safe wharves, the subject of well-kept streets. No sooner did these arise than up sprang the subject of an increase in the tax rate or an issuance of bonds. No sooner did these appear than was stirred the subject of territorial and county powers, of territorial and county finances. And with all of this were woven such subjects as support of efficient officials, non-partisanship in local affairs, a view of politics in Hawaii which lays less stress on party names and more on individual and cooperative ability, integrity and progressiveness among public servants.

In spite of debates at which able and fearless speakers clashed decidedly, there was not one single incident of personal animosity, nor loss of temper. There was not one approach to a quarrel. The reasons were that from its very start the convention impressed its delegates as one which they were attending for business, that this business was to work out methods of territorial progress, and that every delegate was after the same result, though perhaps by different routes.

The ideal which moved Dr. H. B. Elliot and others in Hilo to call the first civic convention surged higher at the fifth than ever before—that what Hawaii wanted was a medium for a general "get-together" session; what Hawaii needs is to drive into oblivion the feeling that each island and each community is an organization in itself, with interests necessarily opposed to the others.

That sort of a feeling was pretty thoroughly obliterated at Hilo. At least every delegate who attended the fifth convention has come back with the conviction that Hawaii will go ahead in its public enterprises just as fast as and no faster than the four main islands handle their problems with reference to the whole group.

Provincialism in Hawaii got a staggering blow at Hilo.

A DANGEROUS GAME.

From the Minneapolis Journal

President Wilson is permitting the country to get into the most peculiar position relative to the demands of the railway brotherhoods. He received the delegation of brotherhood men with open arms, committed himself to the eight hour proposal without knowing anything about what the railroad could do in the matter, and then sent for the railroad officials and practically instructed them to yield.

The railroad presidents made it clear that the roads cannot under present conditions earn enough to pay for an eight hour day, which is practically an annual increase in wages of \$50,000,000 and that the country would have to pay the bill by submitting to higher freight rates.

We have here the strange spectacle of 400,000 men asking the people of the United States to pay them an extra \$50,000,000 a year, without even giving the railroads a chance to be heard on the merits of the proposition. If the people of the United States are to pay this sum to what is already the best paid labor in the country, where will the thing end?

The million other employees of the railroads who have never had an advance, speaking broadly, have

the right to resent the discrimination against them. Mr. Wilson had a great opportunity to say something to the brotherhoods to set them in the proper position before the country, but he failed to say the word and went to playing a dangerous game.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Fifth Civic Convention and Hawaii County Fair, just concluded at Hilo, proved events of even more importance to the entire territory than had been anticipated. These results, what was accomplished, what suggested, what proposed, should be known by every resident of the islands. The county fair was particularly filled with exhibits and accompanied by incidents which will be of lasting importance to farming and other industrial enterprise in Hawaii.

To give the story of the convention and of the fair in concentrated and graphic form, the Star-Bulletin will publish a special illustrated section next Saturday. This section will tell the news of the convention in full and will contain some of the papers and addresses not heretofore published. In particular, Dr. H. B. Elliot's paper, which led to the plans for a territorial fair in Honolulu next year, will be published.

Together with the papers already published, and the wireless correspondence from Hilo during the twin events just closed, Saturday's special section will sum up these events of the past week in form which will be valuable for permanent keeping and future reference.

Through an error in the transmission of a wireless message from Hilo last Saturday, it was made to appear that William Thompson, chairman of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce committee on municipal affairs, objected to increasing the tax rate to provide revenue for public improvement. This is exactly the opposite of Mr. Thompson's position, which was clearly outlined at Hilo. He opposed the convention's going on record for issuing bonds for highway improvements and advocated, under present financial conditions, increasing the tax rate, making particular reference to the investigation of the Honolulu chamber into the present municipal bond proposal. The mistake happened in wireless transmission, "oppose" being confused with "propose."

Juanita, the Kansas Giantess, was left behind at Hilo when the convention came back. Under the influence of the Hilo climate, long famous for its stimulation to growth, Juanita had so expanded in general measurement, both the linear foot and the tonnage, that return passage was refused her. This is one explanation of her failure to come home. Another is that she committed suicide just before the steamer left, torn between an old and a new love.

More voters than ever before in Honolulu and the islands in general are looking for efficiency in office rather than party labels. The labels on some of the candidates are no more than "a scrap of paper" anyway. What Hawaii wants is officials who can get a full measure of work out of the public employees, and give a full measure for themselves. This is something to think over in the territorial campaign now opening.

It was a real pleasure for Civic Convention delegates from Honolulu in Hilo to hear the praise bestowed on the naval militiamen there for a brief visit and on the sailors of the St. Louis also. They were welcomed when they came and went away with hearty liking and respect of the Crescent City.

A British representative objects to the term "blacklist." Harder epithets than that have been applied to the British policy.

Letters OF THE WEEK

COOPERATE FOR A CLEANER CITY

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: The council of the Inter-Church Federation met at Cooke hall of the Y. M. C. A. recently to discuss the new problem of so-called medical inspection at Iwilei as recently ordered by Sheriff Rose.

Among other aspects of the problem that were considered, special mention was made several times of the strong and vigorous editorials that our two leading papers have been giving us. It was unanimously voted to send letters of appreciation and commendation to these editors, expressing the hearty support that the pastors and laymen feel in this matter.

We, therefore, take keen pleasure in writing the Star-Bulletin our word of approval, and also wish to say that the Inter-Church Federation stands ready to cooperate with you in any way possible to defeat this so-called protective medical inspection at Iwilei.

We trust that this problem will be followed up to a finish and that definite results for a cleaner Honolulu will be obtained.

Very truly yours,

The Council of the Inter-Church Federation.

GEO. A. ANDRUS,

Acting Secretary.

THE OFFER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD

Honolulu, T. H., Sept. 26, 1916.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: The following editorial appeared in the Commercial Advertiser recently:

"Now that the secretary of war has decided that all National Guard units mobilized last June are to serve in their turn in the Mexican border patrol, it is pleasant to know that the foolish proffer of the services of the National Guard of Hawaii was not taken up by the department. Wouldn't it be a sweet dislocation of things here if the local regiments offered had been mobilized three months ago and were now about to be transported to the cactus land for another three months? The narrow escape ought to be a lesson to our worthy governor

not to go off half cocked again where the militia is concerned."

A careful analysis of the above convinces me that the writer thereof is not overpatriotic and desires to be little the services of the local guard. It is doubtful as to whether a single member of the guard, officer or enlisted man, will feel flattered upon learning that the proffer of his services by the governor to the United States at a time when war was apparently threatened, have been publicly termed foolish.

When the governors of states from Maine to California proffered the services of the militia of their various states to the president, were their offers deemed foolish?

As to the "sweet dislocation of things" which the writer predicts would have occurred had the local guard been mobilized three months ago and sent to the Mexican border for another like period, how many such "sweet dislocations" have been cheerfully accepted in cities and towns located in all parts of the great United States? The example set by the Canadian and Australian troops in rushing to the aid of England in the present European war is one that might well be followed by any colony and puts to shame the sentiment throughout the above editorial. Why should not the National Guard of Hawaii offer its services to the United States, which arms, equips and to a certain extent pays it?

The cowardly term, "the narrow escape," appearing above, if read throughout the mainland would give the people the impression that the members of the National Guard here were shirkers, while were the truth known, or the matter put to a vote among the members of the guard, I believe every member would volunteer his services for duty on the Mexican border tomorrow.

During the present stirring times, with the Mexican situation far from settled, and other serious situations constantly occurring with the warring nations of Europe, it appears to me that the above article is uncalled for and is manifestly unjust and unfair to the National Guard of Hawaii, which has been favorably compared with the National Guard of various states.

M. WELLS.

Personal Mentions

MR. AND MRS. R. S. CHASE have moved in from Windward Oahu and will make their home at 2446 Alewa street.

H. R. MANSFIELD of the Bowers Rubber Company of San Francisco expects to return to the mainland in the Sierra after a few weeks' business trip here.

ALBERT TINKER of the Commercial Pacific Cable Company left in the Lurline for the mainland, where he will spend several weeks on a combined business and pleasure trip.

J. A. LYLE, superintendent of the Honolulu floating drydock, returned from San Francisco in the Wilhelmina. He had been called to the coast on account of the serious illness of his father, who has recovered.

HENRY W. KINNEY, superintendent of public instruction, is rapidly recovering from an operation which he recently underwent at the Queen's Hospital. He expects to be back at his desk in about a week.

MISS CLARA PERRY for some time with the N. S. Sachs Drygoods Company, has resigned to take a position with the new firm, Fernandes & Correa, which will open a new drygoods store in the Harrison block, Fort and Beretania streets, about October 1.

MRS. MERVYN TROYER arrived in the Wilhelmina from Seattle for her first visit in the territory. She will be here about three months as the guest of her sister, Miss Suzannah Gregory, and her uncle, Captain James Gregory of the Kinau, at their cottage at Pierpoint on Waikiki beach.

M. A. SILVA, editor of A Setta, a Portuguese publication in Hilo, returned in the Wilhelmina from a two months' visit in the mainland. Silva went from Honolulu to New York City with a number of people to be deported to Europe. R. A. Kearns, commissioner of the territorial immigration board, who was in charge of the party, is now in San Francisco and will return here soon.

ing them to suggest needed improvements where they live. He will then take these into consideration when carrying out his trip of inspection.

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Mrs. Manuel D. Fernandes of this city, student, a native of Madeira, Portugal, 10 years old. Buried last Sunday in the Catholic cemetery. King street.

the little brooks that run over the border into Holland, so as to exclude any possibility of parcels of letters or documents being floated down the Dutch side.

ELECTRIC FRONTIER BARRIER IS FOUND TO BE EFFECTIVE

THE HAGUE, Netherlands.—A curious exchange arrangement has been made between Dutch and Belgian farmers on the frontier. Last year the German troops in Belgian territory made it exceedingly difficult for the Dutchmen who owned or rented land over the border to harvest their crops and, profiting by the experience then gained, many Hollanders have this year, at any rate in the province of Limburg, entered into agreements with Belgians owning lands on Dutch territory under which the latter are harvesting their crops, and vice versa. The parties concerned do not always get their exact share, but the electric frontier barrier, which runs along the entire Belgian frontier up to and along the river Meuse, has practically forced the respective owners to make arrangements whereby each can remain in his own country.

For nothing of any sort or kind is allowed over or through the fivefold row of wires that stands about 7 feet high. So anxious are the Germans that a close patting is placed even in

PLANS FOR EXCHANGE OF PROFESSORSHIPS

BUDAPEST, Hungary.—Prof. Rudolph H. Kunfalvi, Princeton '95, who is professor of physics and mathematics at the Budapest State Higher gymnasium, is working again for the creation of an exchange professorship between the countries. Before the war, Prof. Kunfalvi had succeeded in interesting the Hungarian authorities to the point that they were about to take it up with America, but the war interrupted discussion of the project. Prof. Kunfalvi has again come to the fore with his plan and taken it up with Frederic Courtland Benfield, the American ambassador in Vienna. The latter, he says, views the matter favorably, though he holds out no hopes that it is possible until after the war.

430,000 GERMANS

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MOTHER OF U. S. JUDGE SUFFERS PAINFUL INJURY

Mrs. V. O. Vaughan Wrenches Right Limb in Fall Down Stairway on Wilhelmina

Mrs. V. O. Vaughan, mother of U. S. Judge Horace W. Vaughan, was removed to the Queen's Hospital shortly after the arrival of the steamer Wilhelmina this morning, suffering from a painfully wrenched right leg, the result of an accident during the voyage from San Francisco to Honolulu.

The arrival of Mrs. Vaughan, who was accompanied by her daughters, Miss Minna Vaughan and Mrs. W. C. Brown, in Honolulu was unexpected and it was some little time after the docking of the Wilhelmina that Judge Vaughan learned that his parent and sisters were aboard and of his mother's condition.

NECESSITIES NOT HIGH IN TURKISH CAPITAL

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Eng.—The wife of Gen. Townsend, who surrendered at Kut, has arrived in Constantinople on a visit to her husband, according to The World. It proceeds.

"Permission was asked for her to make the journey directly after the surrender of Kut, and the Turks seem to have made no opposition. No one knows the misadventure of the Kut controversy better than Mrs. Townsend, and she will be able to tell her husband not merely the criticism of the campaign, but of the personal tributes to himself.

"Meantime, so I gather from a friend who left the city frequently, life is quiet in the capital, though there is much hostility to the Young Turks, and constant conspiracies with wholesale executions, in which very little attention is paid to innocence or guilt, the principles of Edinburgh justice being extremely popular with Enver. Only certain articles of food are dear in the Turkish capital. Bread is cheaper than in England, while meat is not dear at all. Sugar and office rule high in price, however, while the supply of luxuries is exhausted."

was to be made this afternoon. At last reports Mrs. Vaughan was resting easily.

The Vaughans and Mrs. Brown are here on a pleasure trip. They expect to remain in the islands for three or four months. Their home is in Hampstead, Ark.

WILL INSPECT PUBLIC WORKS IN ALL ISLANDS

Supt. Forbes Will Spend Three Weeks on Work and Report to Governor

For the purpose of preparing recommendations on road, wharf and other work under the jurisdiction of the department of public works, Charles R. Forbes, superintendent, will begin within a week or 10 days an inspection trip over the entire island group. Forbes said today that he plans a trip lasting about three weeks. His report when finished will be submitted to the governor for approval and finally turned over to the legislature at the next session.

Kaunali will be the first island visited, according to the superintendent's plan. Upon his return from there he will go to Maui and to Molokai, finally ending with an inspection of Hawaii.

To aid in getting an idea of the needs of various districts on the islands, the superintendent will send out before his trip to civic bodies and individuals request-